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Mr. T. R. Beck, General Manager
The Anaconda Company
New Mexico Operations, Uranium Division
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Dear Mr. Beck:

The mining and reclamation plan for the P-15/17 Mine Project within Pueblo of Laguna Uranium Lease No. 4 has been reviewed by the Pueblo of Laguna, Southern Pueblos Agency of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and U. S. Geological Survey. The Pueblo of Laguna and Southern Pueblos Agency have approved the plan subject to various stipulations. Accordingly, the mining and reclamation plan for the P-15/17 Mine Project is hereby approved subject to the conditions listed below.

1. Stipulations 1 through 7 of Resolution No. 60-77 of the Tribal Council of the Pueblo of Laguna (copy enclosed) are included in the mining and reclamation plan. We note that you have previously accepted these stipulations.
2. Water sample analyses and pumping rate data for the supplemental well used to supply water for underground uses will be included with the quarterly reports presently submitted for the P-10 Mine.
3. Adequate subsidence monitoring programs will be established as required by the Area Mining Supervisor.
4. Prior to the cessation of mining operations, a plan for the abandonment (sealing) of all the mine openings (adits, ventilation shafts, et cetera) will be submitted to the Area Mining Supervisor for his approval.
5. Upon cessation of mining operations, all disturbed surface areas will be reclaimed to the satisfaction of the Superintendent, Southern Pueblos Agency.

6. The P-15/17 Mine Project will be under continual surveillance. The Area Mining Supervisor reserves the right to require any changes in the mining and reclamation deemed necessary to eliminate or mitigate any unforeseen adverse environmental effects caused by the project.

If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact this office.

Sincerely yours,

(ORIG. SGD.) A. F. CZARNOWSKY

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Area Mining Supervisor

Enclosure

cc:
Superintendent, Southern Pueblos Agency, BIA
Governor, Pueblo of Laguna
Conservation Manager, Central Region